

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT REGISTRATION

## REGISTRATION RESOURCES

- **Where can I get all the registration documents?** All registration documents are on the Rogers High School website. Under Counseling, select [2020-2021 Course Registration](#). Available resources are:
  - Registration Guide
  - Course Descriptions
  - Grid of Course Offerings (listing courses available by grade-level, department, etc.)
  - English/Industrial Technology/Math/Physical Education/Science/Social & Visual Arts Pathways
  - Online Registration Instructions
  - Grade-level Course Request Forms
  - Frequently Asked Questions

## COURSE PREREQUISITES

- **How do I know if a course has a prerequisite or if the course has weighted grading?** Refer to the *“ISD 728 Course Description Guide”* to check for a prerequisite and/or graded weighting.

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- **What courses are required?** Please see page 2 of the *“ISD 728 Registration Guide”* for High School Graduation Requirements and the 4-year planning guide on page 9.
- **Do I need to sign-up for math or science course every year and which one should I take?**
  - **Math ([Course Pathway](#)):** You are required to earn 6 credits of math (equivalent to 3 full years). Students must:
    - Take Geometry (either in middle school or high school); and
    - Pass a full year of Algebra II
  - **Science ([Course Pathway](#)):** You are required to earn 6 credits of science (equivalent to 3 full years). Students must:
    - Take one year of Physical Science 9 OR Pre-AP Physical Science; and
    - Pass a full year of Biology (typically taken in 10<sup>th</sup> grade); and
    - Take one full year of either Chemistry or Physics (typically in 11<sup>th</sup> grade).

Some four-year colleges require (or strongly recommend) 4 years of math and science. Please check into colleges you wish to attend and see requirements for admission. See your current teacher for course recommendations (they know you best!).
- **Do the 12 credits of General Electives I need to take to graduate all have to be classified as a “General Elective”?** No - Once you have fulfilled the required course credits (8) English, (7) Social, (6) Math, (6) Science, (2) Fine Art, (1) Health and (1) PE, the remaining (12) credits can be fulfilled in any credit type area.

## MOVING OR CHANGING SCHOOLS

- **We are moving/ leaving, so do I still need to register?** Please let the RHS Guidance Office know this information PRIOR to registering for courses. Sometimes plans change and we want to ensure that you have a spot reserved and the courses you want for next year. If you are moving/leaving, please request your records/transcripts prior to the end of the school year, as our Guidance Office closes mid-June and reopens mid-August.
- **What happens if I move to a different house/city during the school year?** You will need to notify the Guidance Office so they will can help you with the necessary paperwork to ensure your continued enrollment at Rogers High School or with the transfer of enrollment to the new school.

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## ALTERNATES

- **Can I list more than 5 alternates?** *You can list up to 8 alternates in your registration. Remember that a yearlong course does take up 2 of your alternates. Choose wisely, as there is a possibility you may get one or more of your alternates in your 20-21 schedule.*
- **If I get an alternate that I did not want to take, can I switch out of it?** *No. As mentioned previously, choose your alternates wisely as you may have one or more of them in your schedule.*

## REGISTRATION CONFIRMATION

- **I did not get a confirmation of my course registration. Were they received?** *You will not receive a confirmation of your registration as registration is LIVE. The instant you submit the course number, it is entered into Campus.*

## AP OR COLLEGE LEVEL COURSES

- **Can I take AP or college level courses?** *Students are eligible to take AP or college-level courses if they meet the prerequisite and grade-level requirements. College courses have requirements specific to each college (i.e., class rank, ACT score, Accuplacer score). Please see the “**ISD 728 Course Description Guide**” for prerequisite and grade-level requirements.*
- **How many AP/college courses can I take?** *Students can take as many AP/college courses as their schedule allows. However, be thoughtful about the courses you choose. Balance the number of high level courses with regular courses and outside commitments (i.e., sports, activities, jobs, social life). Courses move at a quick pace and homework could take up to 2+ hours/night. To be successful in an AP or college-level course, ask yourself if you are:*
  - *Highly organized - would be able to maintain a well organized unit binder.*
  - *Self-motivated.*
  - *Academically prepared and have time to devote to a rigorous course.*
- **If my student(s) does not take any AP courses in 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> grade, can they take AP courses in 11<sup>th</sup> and/or 12<sup>th</sup> grade?** *Most AP courses do not have prerequisites. Please check ISD 728 Course Offerings Grid for a complete list of courses.*

## FAILED COURSES

- **I failed a required course; can I retake it next year?** *If you fail a required course, there are a few options. Students may take the course during summer school or retake the course the following year. (To retake the course you failed, request the course as one of your electives for the following school year.) Consult with your Guidance Counselor if you fail a course.*

## SCHEDULE CHANGES (TEACHER & LUNCH REQUESTS)

- **Once I register, can I make a schedule change?** *Staffing is dependent on the courses you choose during registration so changes after the registration period will be limited to those students who have met one of the following criteria:*
  - *Does not meet prerequisite for course (this includes failed pre-req, did not take pre-req)*
  - *Inappropriate placement (registered for courses out of sequence)*
  - *Medical reason*
- **Can I request a certain teacher for a course?** *No, we do not take requests for a specific teacher.*
- **My friends are in a different lunch. Can I get in the same lunch?** *No.*

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## PSEO (JUNIORS AND SENIORS ONLY)

- **I currently am doing PSEO this year and plan to go full-time next fall, should I still register for courses?** *If you are 100% certain you will not be taking classes onsite at RHS, do not register for courses. Let your counselor know you will be doing PSEO full-time.*
- **I am considering PSEO, should I still register?** *Yes, you should still register for a full RHS schedule. It is important to register for courses here at RHS even though you may intend to continue with PSEO next year. Sometimes plans change. We want to ensure that you have a spot reserved at RHS and have courses that you want, in case the PSEO experience gets side-tracked for any reason.*
- **What steps do I need to take to do PSEO?** *You must be in 11th or 12th grade. Check page 5 of the “ISD 728 Registration Guide” to see if you meet the other qualifications. If so,*
  - *Attend the PSEO/College Options meeting on **December 9th, 2019 @ 6:30 pm.** RHS Media Center*
  - *Complete the online PSEO application at the college of your choice.*
  - *Attend a mandatory PSEO information meeting with your RHS guidance counselor in February/March 2020. Dates TBD. Complete the “Postsecondary Enrollment Options Program Notice of Student Registration” with your Guidance Counselor (**this must be done every semester before you register**). Review HS graduation requirements.*
  - *Once accepted, schedule the Accuplacer at the college (if required), attend orientation and register for classes.*
  - *Stay in touch with your high school Guidance Counselor. You need to schedule a meeting each semester to plan course selection AND complete the PSEO Program Notice of Student Registration.*

## STUDENTS WITH IEPs

- **I have an IEP, how do I register?** *Meet with your case manager to ensure you register for the correct courses.*

## STUDY HALL

- **Can I sign-up for a study hall?** *Yes, study hall is available to students of all grades. However, consult with your Guidance Counselor to make sure you are on track with your credits for graduation. As a reminder, you cannot choose what hour or semester you get study hall in your schedule.*

## 9th GRADE MATH COURSES

- **If I am struggling in my current Middle School math course of Algebra I, do I have to move on to Geometry?** *You do not have to go on to Geometry. If you are missing the concepts of Chapters 10-12, it is recommended that you register for Exponential Algebra and Probability & Stats.*

## WORLD LANGUAGE

- **Can I skip years between taking sequential World Language courses?** *It is possible, but not recommended.*